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November 12, 1957

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 1957  
Room 913 District National

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Attendance:

MDAC

Mr. Hale, Chairman  
Mr. Kramer, Executive Secretary  
Mrs. Huver, Committee Secretary

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Commerce

Mr. George  
Mr. Rennert

Defense

Col. Green

ICA

Mr. Slaght

State

Mr. Wright  
Mr. Hamilton

Treasury

Mr. Pollak

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Agenda:

Note a. Progress Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review

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Note b. [REDACTED] to Export Generator Know-how to Poland

1. Consideration of ED/EC D-123/1

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Note a. Progress Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittee on List Review

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee reported that he hopes that by about November 19 the basic job of the Subcommittee should be completed except for "tag ends".

He reported that to date, except for the one recommendation that was made with respect to criteria, there have been no differences of view on the interpretative problem, and he doubts that there will be any differences in the categories to come.

In response to the State member's inquiry regarding the British request for a redefinition of electronics items, the Commerce member said the Subcommittee is taking it into account, but there does not seem to be any justifiable rationale for modifying the current coverage of those items, and it does not appear to make good technical or strategic sense. The State member pointed out that the British have said they have experts in this field who are available in Washington and that U.S. and U.K. experts could discuss this matter if it is found to be a useful way to handle it.

It was left that this matter will be studied as soon as the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's report on this category is ready.

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Note b. ██████████ Proposal to Export Generator Know-how to Poland

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The members discussed the ██████████ proposal to export generator know-how to Poland. However, in view of the nature of the reserve taken today by the Defense and Commerce members in Working Group I, it was considered outside of the terms of reference for consideration by the Executive Committee.

1. Consideration of ED/EC D-123/1

Decisions

The Chairman will draft a document for EDAC consideration which will report briefly on the copper wire situation, refer to the note from the British Government and state that, after discussion, the Executive Committee proposes the following alternatives which they feel EDAC should consider:

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There was a discussion of the course of action which should be taken with respect to copper wire, and it was agreed that a paper setting forth the alternative views of the Executive Committee members should be sent to EDAC for consideration. (See Decisions above.)

The members discussed the fact that another course of action would be to have copper wire discussed in COCOM, but there was agreement that this action would not be advisable and therefore would not be offered as an alternative.

/Secretariat Note: The Chairman's draft memorandum for EDAC did not conform with the decisions registered for this meeting for reasons which are reported in the next minutes (M-279).7

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